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# The City of DELTONA



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## Deltona's Charter questions: an update

**I**N ACCORDANCE WITH THE CITY CHARTER, IN PREPARATION for the 2014 election, the City Commission appointed a Charter Review Committee to review the Charter. The City Commission has reviewed their suggested changes, debated ordinances that would place them on the ballot for referendum and now leave these important decisions in the hands of Deltona voters.

After much debate, the City Commission has agreed to place the following Charter questions on the Nov. 4 election ballot:

**Should the outdated provisions related to the initial incorporation of the City and transition schedules, the lengthy legal descriptions or the City's boundaries and districts be removed and replaced with the current boundaries kept on file with the City Clerk's Office per the law and to provide that candidate qualifying periods be set by ordinance?**

The Charter contains a lengthy and out of date description of City boundaries and district lines. The language has not been changed since incorporation and thus does not account for boundary changes through annexations, etc. — changes made since incorporation. Information in the Charter referencing district lines is also out of date. District lines change periodically because of population, making the current Charter language referencing districts out of date.

**Should the Charter be amended to remove the residency requirements for the City Manager?**

The Charter currently requires the City Manager to establish and maintain residency within the City limits within six months of his/her hire date.

**Should the Charter be amended to remove the residency requirement for an in-house City Attorney?**

The Charter currently requires that an in-house City Attorney establish and maintain residency within the City limits within six months of his/her hire date.

An ordinance related to a question about removing

term limits for the Mayor and Commission, failed to receive enough support and therefore will not be included on the ballot.

Additionally, the City Commission had been considering a fifth question related to Mayor and Commission compensation. That question also did not receive the necessary votes for inclusion on the ballot.

The City of Deltona Charter was approved by referendum on Sept. 9, 1995. The City Charter is the foundation for Deltona's City Commission/Manager form of government. It provides the framework for self-governance within the guidelines of Florida law.

\*Information in this story includes paraphrased language from the proposed questions and the City Charter and is included only for information purposes. To read the City Charter in its entirety, visit [DeltonaFL.Gov/Pages/DeltonaFL\\_Depts/DeltonaFL\\_Clerk/Charter/index](http://DeltonaFL.Gov/Pages/DeltonaFL_Depts/DeltonaFL_Clerk/Charter/index). To request a printed copy, call the City Clerk's Office (386) 878-8500.



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### Commitment

*We accept the challenge of change and are committed to the future of this City and this community. We are committed to continually enhancing the safety, environment, quality of life and economic vitality of our community. We are problem solvers and we constantly look for new and better ways to deliver services. We seek to be innovative, take reasonable risks, learn from our mistakes and always strive for excellence.*

## City taps Enforcement Director as Acting Manager

**T**HE DELTONA CITY COMMISSION chose Deputy City Manager and the Director of Building & Enforcement Services Director, Dale Baker, to serve as Acting City Manager until after the Nov. 4 election. Question 2 of the proposed Charter questions (see story above) will have an effect on the advertisement and likely the number of candidates who apply for the permanent position. The election also means a new group of City Commissioners on the dais. Four of the seven Commission seats including the Mayor will be decided during the election, causing the current Commission to wisely decide to give the new Commission the ability to choose a new City Manager.

Baker began his career with the City of Deltona as a "dog catcher." But his experience in management includes more than pets and politi-

cians. Baker, who served in the U.S. Navy for 22 years, says this will not be his most stressful job. Baker's

Naval experience includes being a Navy diver and explosive ordinance disposal technician. He was a member of the U.S. Department of Energy's Accident Response Capabilities Coordinating Committee involved with their Health and Safety and Weapons Recovery Working Group. His duties included heading up a team in counter proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. He was the director of training for the Atlantic Fleet's Explosive Ordinance Disposal Unit.

He trained personnel in operational mission areas that included diving, parachuting, insertion and demolition. He was the officer in charge of the bomb disposal unit in the Caribbean and provided 24-

hour explosive disposal as well as running counter narcotics operations.

But it was as a hobby in New Mexico dealing with nuisance animals like raccoons, snakes, skunks and squirrels that led him to the field of code enforcement. In 1998, Baker was hired as a City of Deltona Animal Control Officer. Baker became the Enforcement Services Coordinator in 2000, and in 2001 under City Manager Fritz Behring, the department Director. He was named the Deputy City Manager not long after Dave Denny was promoted to City Manager.

Baker has a bachelor of science in healthcare services and a master's in security management. He holds numerous certifications in animal control, chemical immobilization and code enforcement.



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# October - November - December Calendar of Events

## October

The Deltona Fire Department takes October very seriously in an effort to raise awareness for breast cancer. October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual international health campaign organized by major breast cancer charities every October to increase awareness of the disease and to raise funds for research into its cause, prevention, diagnosis, treatment and cure. The Deltona Fire Department is "going pink for October" and wears pink T-shirts as part of their uniform.

**6** City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Commission Chambers, Deltona City Hall, 2345 Providence Blvd.

**8** FLOWMobile (Florida's Licensing on Wheels), 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Courtyard at City Hall.

**11** Concert in the Amphitheater featuring Then2Now, 7-9 p.m. Food trucks.

**12** Pink Feet 10K/5K Road Race. Register now at [www.PinkFeet5K10K.com](http://www.PinkFeet5K10K.com)

**13** City Commission Workshop, 5:30 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

**20** City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Commission Chambers, City Hall.



**24-25** Spooks and ghouls of all ages should plan to attend the City of Deltona's **13th Annual Spooktacular**, Dewey O. Boster Sports Complex, 1200 Saxon Blvd. The first night, designed for older children and adults, will be from 7 to 10 p.m. and will feature entertainment, a Haunted Trail through the woods surrounding the Sports Complex, a Haunted Pirate Ship featuring a ghostly captain and crew and a Spooky Hay Ride for the younger kids. There will not be any games or contests the first night.

The second night is perfect for even the smallest of ghosts and will feature tons of games, candy, prizes, inflatables and fun. The fun stuff kicks off at 6 p.m. and ends at 10 p.m. There will be a pre-kindergarten game area, entertainment, a pie-eating contest, a Frightening Freaky Food contest and music. The annual costume contest for anyone and everyone in a costume begins at 7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded. Call (386) 878-8900 for information.

**27** City Commission Workshop, 5:30 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

## November

**2** Fire Station 65 Open House and Pink Heals Stop (National Tour Stop), 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 2983 Howland Blvd. Come see the pink fire trucks along with Deltona Fire Department apparatus displays, equipment



and extrication demonstrations, fire extinguisher demonstrations, blood pressure checks and more. Come to the Open House and learn how the City and Fire Department are working to keep your family safe.

• Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 2 and at 2 a.m. clocks are turned backward one hour. The Deltona Fire Department would like to remind you that it's also time to change the batteries in your household smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Having these devices in good condition in our homes doubles our chances of surviving a home fire.

**3** City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Commission Chambers, City Hall.

**4** Election Day. Don't forget to vote! Residents will decide who will serve as our next Mayor and two Commission seats (Districts 1 and 5) and vote on the proposed City Charter changes. For more information, visit [volusiaelections.org](http://volusiaelections.org).

**10** City Commission Workshop, 5:30 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

**11** City Administrative Offices are closed for the Veteran's Day Holiday.

**15** Deltona Arts & Crafts Festival, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., City Hall. Featuring a wide variety of beautifully handcrafted items. Stop by and support Deltona's local artisans and crafters.

**17** City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Commission Chambers, City Hall.

**24** City Commission Workshop, 5:30 p.m., Second Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

**27-28** City Administrative Offices are closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

## December

(City Commission Meetings and Workshops, other than the meeting scheduled for Dec. 15, were unknown at press time.)

**13** Santa's North Pole, 4 to 8 p.m., auditorium of Deltona Regional Library, 2150 Eustace Ave. Bring your family for a walk through our Winter Wonderland and tell Santa what's on your Christmas list. Bring a camera for photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus or have Walgreens take them for you. Photos are available the next day at Walgreens. Admission is an unwrapped toy or non-perishable food item for the "Gift of Food" program. Free candy canes.

• Annual Deltona Christmas Parade, 6 p.m., on Deltona Boulevard. Over 100 entrants including marching bands, performers, floats, fire trucks and a life-size gingerbread house. Santa and all his helpers will spread holiday cheer across Deltona. It's a "Tropical Christmas" this year so palm trees and Bermuda shorts may be appropriate float décor. The parade is expected to last approximately two hours. To participate, or for information, visit [DeltonaFl.Gov](http://DeltonaFl.Gov), e-mail, [deltonaparade@deltonafl.gov](mailto:deltonaparade@deltonafl.gov) or call Kat Kyp, (386) 878-8606 or Scott McGrath, (386) 878-8624.

**15** City Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Commission Chambers, City Hall.

**24-25** City Administrative Offices are closed for the Christmas Holidays.

For the latest information on City of Deltona events follow the City on Facebook and Twitter, watch DeltonaTV on BrightHouse Channel 199 or visit [DeltonaFl.Gov](http://DeltonaFl.Gov).

**Oct. 5-11 is Fire Prevention Week. Help us sound the alarm! Working smoke detectors save lives! Visit [FirePreventionWeek.Org](http://FirePreventionWeek.Org) for more information.**

## DeltonaTV expands to U-verse

**B**EGINNING THIS FALL, residents of Deltona and Volusia County will be able to see DeltonaTV, the City's government access TV station, on AT&T's U-verse.

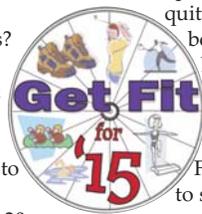
Viewers will be able to see live broadcasts of the City Commission meetings; current affairs programs like White House Chronicle and the American Veteran; these programs from The Pentagon Channel: Battleground—historical reports of United States military history, Fit for Duty—exercise and workout routines, and Grill Sergeants—a how-to for fun and easy cooking, plus original local programming that features topics about Deltona—Parks & Recreation Update, Deltona Economic Development Report, Fire & Safety Bulletin, Code Enforcement Notebook, and the Deltona Audubon Report.

The complete weekly DeltonaTV schedule can be seen at [www.deltonafl.gov](http://www.deltonafl.gov).

# Join Mayor, 'Get Fit for 15'

**W**E ALL WANT TO BE HEALTHY... BUT IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY. You want to lose weight? How about cook a healthy meal? Maybe ride a bike with the grandkids? Would you want to lower your medical costs?

The City of Deltona, Florida Hospital and Halifax Health are sponsoring the Mayor's Get Fit for '15 Fitness Challenge, now through Dec. 10. Even if it's too late to register as a team, residents are welcome to come to the weekly healthy seminars. These free 30 minute seminars take place each Wednesday from 6:30 p.m.



till 7 p.m., and the topics range from how to run for fun to quitting tobacco to Zumba to fixing healthy meals. And besides the seminars, there are nature hikes in Deltona's parks, and a family bike ride on Deltona's Bike Trail.

The main goal for Get Fit for '15 is to help people develop good healthy habits, just in time for 2015. For more information about the Fitness Challenge, and to see the schedule of seminars, visit [www.deltonafl.gov](http://www.deltonafl.gov)

## Help us protect pedestrians in Deltona

**F**LORIDA HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST rates of pedestrian injuries in the Nation and Volusia County had the 10th highest number of pedestrian crashes among counties of similar size from 2008 to 2012.

Yet Florida has very clear pedestrian laws (F.S. 316.130(7-9)). Drivers are required to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. This means stopping when necessary to let a pedestrian cross. Drivers may not overtake other cars stopped at a crosswalk to permit a pedestrian to cross. Turning vehicles must yield to pedestrians crossing on a green light or with the WALK signal.

How can Deltona residents help? Basically, drive within the speed limit and watch carefully for pedestrians.

More specifically, there are four

rules that are important to remember:

1. Never stop directly at or too close to a crosswalk. Always stop at the stop bar or before entering the crosswalk if no stop bar is present.
  2. Wait until pedestrians have crossed at least one lane before proceeding.
  3. Be alert for children. They may dart out into traffic without warning. Adults may also do the same.
  4. Use special care when turning at intersections. Pedestrians are more vulnerable to turning vehicles and must look over their shoulder to see them.
- What's a legal crosswalk? All sides of every intersection are legal crosswalks regardless of whether or not there is signage, painted lines or a paved sidewalk.



**Congratulations to Chris Gehret and Jeremy Strecker on the remodel and re-opening of one of Deltona's best recreational opportunities for families. The City of Deltona's Office of Economic Development coordinated a ribbon cutting celebration at Jamskate Academy Inc.'s The Rink located at 1680 Doyle Road. Gehret says The Rink will cater to families and groups looking for a place to have a birthday party or fundraiser and offer skate classes, speed skating practices and roller derby training. They are planning special skate nights with themes like Latin, adult and Christian, along with special skating times for beginners and advanced skaters. Sessions for homeschoolers are also already in the works.**

# Happy Holidays from Volusia County Sheriff's Office

**A**s the holiday season approaches, the Volusia County Sheriff's Office would like to remind you of some simple safety tips related to each of our upcoming holidays:

### Halloween

Here are some tips for our residents and their children on Halloween for those planning to go Trick-or-Treating:

- Avoid Trick-or-Treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see your Trick-or-Treaters.
- Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating them. Limit the amount of treats your family consumes.
- Hold a flashlight while Trick-or-Treating to increase visibility. Make sure everyone WALKS from house to house instead of running.
- Look both ways before crossing a street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- Enter homes only accompanied by a trusted adult. Visit only well-lit homes. Never stop at dark houses. Never accept rides from strangers.
- Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats made by strangers.



### Holiday Shopping & Home Security Tips

Here are some simple safety tips to protect your home and valuables:

- Always park in well-lit areas of shopping centers and stores.

- Be aware of your surroundings and as you approach your vehicle have your keys in hand.
- Avoid carrying purses or large amounts of money while shopping.
- Keep your vehicle doors locked.
- Remove valuable items such as presents, purses, computers, navigation systems, loose change and cameras from your vehicle.
- Do not place presents in areas of your home that are visible from outside.
- Break down high dollar item boxes and put them in non-see through bags when disposing of them.
- If possible, install an alarm system on your home.
- Remove or trim hedges and bushes that can provide hiding or ambush areas.
- Install motion lights around the perimeter of your home.
- Most importantly, immediately notify the Volusia County Sheriff's Office of any suspicious activity.

These efforts will help ensure a wonderful holiday season for your family. Remember to always be aware of your surroundings. Most criminals seek easy targets. By applying the above tips, you will minimize their opportunity.

Residents interested in learning about additional crime prevention information or perhaps forming a Neighborhood Watch group are encouraged to contact Sergeant Pat Leahy, [pleahy@vcsa.us](mailto:pleahy@vcsa.us) or (386) 860-7030. By working together, we can put an end to senseless crime.

# Know your Mayor and Commission

**Animal Control**, (386) 878-8701  
**Automated inspection information**, (386) 575-6900 or (407) 936-9999  
**Inspections, Permitting and Zoning**, (386) 878-8650  
**City Clerk's Office**, (386) 878-8500  
**City Hall**, 2345 Providence Blvd., (386) 878-8100  
**City Manager's Office**, (386) 878-8850  
**Code Compliance**, (386) 878-8700

**Communication and Public Information**, (386) 878-8755  
**Fire Department Administration**, 1685 Providence Blvd., (386) 575-6901  
**Human Resources**, (386) 878-8750  
**Mayor and City Commission**, (386) 878-8860  
**Parks & Recreation**, (386) 878-8900  
**Planning & Development Services**, (386) 878-8600  
**Public Works**, 201 Howland Blvd., (386) 878-8950

**Solid Waste Division (for garbage services or dumping issues)**, (386) 878-8723  
**Volusia County Sheriff's Office**, 1691 Providence Blvd., (386) 860-7030 **After hours, non-emergency**, (386) 736-5999.  
**Water and Sewer**, 255 Enterprise Road, (386) 575-6800 (customer service)  
**Waste Pro**, (Recycling bins, garbage pick-up and special pick-ups), (386) 574-0778 or (386) 574-0723  
**Emergencies, 911**

# Know your Mayor and Commission

## Mayor John Masiarczyk

2025 Adelia Blvd., (386) 299-2896,  
jmasiarczyk@deltonafl.gov  
Elected: Nov. 2010

Term Expires: Nov. 2014

## Vice Mayor, Heidi K. Herzberg (District 3)

556 Nardello Drive (386) 405-8335,  
hherzberg@deltonafl.gov  
Elected: Nov. 2010

Term Expires: Nov. 2014

## District 1 Commissioner, Zenaïda Denizac

2010 Montecito Ave., (386) 624-8716,  
zdenizac@deltonafl.gov  
Elected: Nov. 2010

Term Expires: Nov. 2014

## District 2 Commissioner, Webster Barnaby

2242 E. Fairbanks Drive, (386) 848-2600,  
wbarnaby@deltonafl.gov  
Elected: Nov. 2012

Term Expires: Dec. 31, 2014 (Due to resignation.)

## District 4 Commissioner, Nancy Schleicher

1460 Baton Drive,  
(386) 801-7481,  
nshleicher@deltonafl.gov

Elected: Nov. 2012

Term Expires: Nov. 2016

## District 5 Commissioner, Anthony T. Bellizio

1743 Concert Road  
(386) 337-4326,  
abellizio@deltonafl.gov

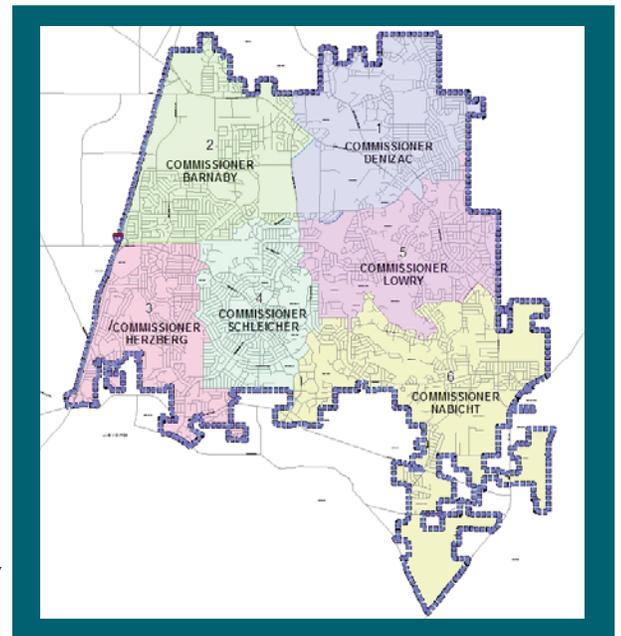
Appointed: July 2014

Term Expires: Nov. 2014

## District 6 Commissioner, Chris Nabicht

3298 Post Street, (386) 804-5191,  
cnabicht@deltonafl.gov  
Elected: Nov. 2012

Term Expires: Nov. 2016



*Residents who do not know who represents them on the City Commission can find out by contacting the Commission Office. To reach the Mayor & Commission's Administrative Assistant, Sandi Jackson, call (386) 878-8860 or e-mail her at [sjackson@deltonafl.gov](mailto:sjackson@deltonafl.gov).*



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